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DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY
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As a below named inventor, I declare that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to in this Declaration, that the information given herein is true, that I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor if only one name is listed at 201 below, or a joint inventor if plural inventors are named below at 201 et seq., of the invention entitled: ASSEMBLING BIPOLAR PLATES which is described and claimed in

☐ the attached specification or
☒ the specification in application Serial No. 09/871,887 filed June 1, 2001, and
 was amended on _____ (if applicable),

that I acknowledge a duty to disclose information I am aware of which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with 37 CFR 1.56(a), that I do not know and do not believe that the same was ever known or used in the United States of America before my or our invention thereof or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my or our invention thereof, or more than one year prior to the earliest date of this application or the provisional application(s) identified below, or in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to the earliest date of this application or the provisional application(s) identified below, that the invention has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of this application in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months prior to the earliest date of this application or the provisional application(s) identified below and that as to applications for patent or inventor's certificate filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns in any country foreign to the United States of America, the earliest filed foreign application(s) filed within twelve months prior to the earliest date of filing date of this application or the provisional application(s) identified below and all foreign applications filed more than twelve months prior to the filing date of this application are identified at 600 and, as required, 601 below.

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- 6 ☒ No earlier-filed foreign applications.
 0 ☐ Required information as to foreign applications filed prior to filing date of this application is at 601 on page 2 attached
 0 hereto and made a part hereof.

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

Application No. _____
 Application No. _____

Filing Date _____
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I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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